

Duluth's 2008 State of the City Reports

Beyond the Inaugural Address

Accessibility, transparency and open communication will be hallmarks of the Ness Administration, setting a new tone both inside and outside City Hall. Mayor Ness recognizes that a 15-minute inaugural speech isn't enough, so he has committed to presenting three additional primary progress reports with Duluthians in 2008. Each presentation will provide detailed insight into government operations and the overall health of our city.

Mayor Ness will focus on three key principles in city government during his administration: service, accountability, and innovation. This year-long effort is designed to develop a new course - built upon the successes of the past, an honest assessment of our challenges, and an active collaboration between the administration, the Council, city employees, and Duluth residents.

Inaugural Address

January 7

- Mayor Ness's Inauguration & Speech: "Inspired by Duluth"
- The First 100 Days Agenda

Assessment Report

April 25

- The First 100 Days Agenda: Accomplishments
- Operational Assessments from City Departments
- Identification of Operational and Community Measures to Track Progress

Strategy Report

June 30

- Mid-year Progress Report: Challenges & Opportunities
- Government Operations: Strategic Directions & Improvement Plans
- Assessment Reports from Citizen Study Groups

Implementation Report & Budget Address

September 2

- Short-term Goals: Achievements
- Long-term Goals: Implementation Strategies
- Presentation of the 2009 Budget
- Recommendations from Citizen Study Groups